

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: S.R. No. 16

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 16 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
OFFER COURSES IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to establish courses for the instruction of American Sign Language in at least one high school per complex area.

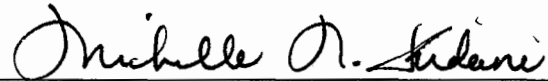
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communications Access Board and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that offering high school courses in American Sign Language is an important step toward fulfilling the demand for interpreters, arming students with marketable skills, and encouraging engagement and communication between students and their deaf peers or family members.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 16 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SR 16	EDU, WAM	3/20/15
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓	
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		
KOUCHI, Ronald D.		
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
SLOM, Sam	✓	
TOTAL	7	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes